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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ICC LAOS

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1. INDIAN DELEGATION IS SHRINKING BY ATTRITION, AND
VACANCIES IN SECRETARIAT AND INDIAN DELEGATION LOCAL
STAFFS (MOST OF WHOM, ABOVE MESSENGER RANK, ARE
MEMBERS OF LOCAL INDIAN COMMUNITY) ARE NOT BEING
FILLED. HOWEVER, INDIANS ARE STILL HANGING AROUND
ON BASIS THAT BOTH PARTIES TO COALITION WANTED THEM
TO STAY (ARTICLE XII OF VIENTIANE AGREEMENT), EVEN
THOUGH PGNU HAS MADE NO REQUESTS OF ICC SINCE LAST
AUTUMN WHEN ICC WAS ASKED TO OBSERVE PRISONER EXCHANGE.

2. NEW POLISH DELEGATION (TADEUSZ KOHOREWICZ) IN CALL ON
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CHARGE THIS WEEK MADE CLEAR ICC HAD NO WORK, AND COULD

SERVE NO VISIBLE FUNCTION IN FUTURE. HOWEVER, NO ONE WAS
WILLING TO TAKE INITIATIVE FOR ITS TERMINATION; IT WAS
REALLY A METTER FOR THE CO-CHAIRMEN AND THE PGNU. (INDIANS HAVE
SINCE TOLD US THAT SECOND-RANKING POLE, WHO LEAVES LATER THIS
MONTH, WILL NOT BE REPLACED.

3. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT ICC/LAOS HAS NO REAL FUTURE
UTILITY; THE WAR IS OVER, THE LPF IS IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL,
THE FORCES ARMEES ROYALES ARE SUBDUED, AND THERE IS NO
CREDIBLE THREAT OF FURTHER CONFLICT. ICC PROBABLY CANNOT
SURVIVE TERMINATION OF U.S. SHARE OF ITS PRESENT
FINANCIAL SUPPORT. HOWEVER, FOR TACTICAL REASONS IT WOULD
BE PREFERABLE IF LEAD IN DISESTABLISHING ICC/LAOS COULD
COME FROM ELSEWHERE, SO AS TO AVOID CREATING APPEARANCE
THAT USG WAS "UNDERCUTTING" PGNU FROM THIS ANGLE AS ACT
OF RETALIATION FOR PGNU TREATMENT OF USAID AND HARASSMENT
OF MISSION. THE OBVIOUS CANDIDATE TO INITIATE TERMINA-
TION IS UK AS THE FRIENDLY CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE, AND WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PLANT THE BEE IN
BRITISH BONNET. LOGICAL TARGET DATE FOR PHASE-OUT WOULD
BE DECEMBER 31, 1975, WHICH IS END OF ICC'S CURRENT
FISCAL YEAR AND WHICH WOULD ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR
ORDERLY TERMINATION.

4. WE BELIEVE USG SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY AS MUCH OF
THE REMAINDER OF ITS CY 1975 SHARE OF FINANCES AS IS
NECESSARY TO FINANCE CLOSE-OUT. (OUR 1975 SHARE IS
47,396 POUNDS STERLING, AND WE HAVE SO FAR PAID IN
DOLLARS 50,000.) ACCOUNTS MENTIONED REFTEL SHOULD THERE-
FORE BE KEPT OPEN THROUGH DECEMBER 31 FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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